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A place is given to this society on the program of the annual session of the Seventh-day Baptist General Conference. This opportunity is taken to stir up enthusiasm for education and to encourage young people to secure all possible training for lives of service to humanity.

Educational Board of the American Christian Convention

WILLIAM G. SARGENT, *Secretary*

The educational work of the American Christian Convention of the Christian Church, is under the direction of a Board of five members, representing, geographically, the south, west, east and central states. The Board meets annually, usually at denominational headquarters, Dayton, Ohio, or at one of the college centers, continuing its work during the year by correspondence from the office of the Educational Secretary.

It functions under five departments: Organization, Publicity, Life Enlistment for Christian Service, Standards and Finance.

In the matter of organization efforts are constantly made to secure adequate representation of our educational interests in all conferences of the body, with a view to keeping our needs and expanding opportunities before the entire constituency.

The Board considers the publication of educational literature, for the most part in the form of leaflets and posters, of increasing value and has been devoting considerable attention to this phase of its work during the past quadrennium. Not a little of such literature is of temporary value, designed to meet immediate needs and must of necessity be changed and amplified as new conditions require.

In the recruiting of young men and women for Christian service the Board has been forced by the exigencies of the time, as well as by the need of intelligent forelook, to seek to enlist not only our schools and colleges but, through pastors and church officials, arouse the local church to a consuming desire to meet the situation by personal appeal to their young people.

There is a constant effort to elevate the standards of ordination to the ministry, though the democratic organization of the church and the pressure for immediate relief to meet the increasing need of candidates for the office constantly tend to defeat

their own purposes in providing a leadership qualified for the accentuated task.

The greater part of the raising of funds is done through the colleges directly, each of the larger schools and colleges canvassing its own district. A general annual educational offering is, however, taken throughout the church for educational purposes, being apportioned to the schools and colleges on a basis, more or less static, provided by the Convention itself.

The Educational Board is co-operating with the Forward Movement of the church in its five point, five year campaign, 20% of the revenue of which is to be secured to our educational interests. Three of our colleges are engaged in, or are soon to begin, a campaign for greatly enlarged endowments.

The colleges controlled by, or affiliated with, the American Christian Convention are: Elon College, N. C.; Franklinton Christian College (colored), N. C.; Starkey Seminary, Lakemont, N. Y.; Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio; Union Christian College, Merom, Ind.; Palmer College, Albany, Mo.; Jireh College, Jirah, Wyoming.

Congregational Education Society

FRANK M. SHELDON, Secretary

Only one of the five departments of the Congregational Education Society is doing work of similar character to the work being done by the boards of other denominations composing the Council, viz.: The Institutions and Student Life Department.

The work under this department covers aid to colleges and academies and to special training schools for preparing Christian leaders, the support of and co-operation with Church Workers in State Universities, co-operation with our schools in developing the Christian life of their students, the effort to recruit Christian leaders and aid to students studying for the ministry and missionary service.

In 1919 effort will be made to strengthen the work in every possible particular. It is hoped that the State University work may be more systematically developed, and that the organization bringing together our own and the workers of other denominations in this field may be promoted and greatly strengthened.

This department will co-operate heartily with other boards of the Council in inducing and helping students who have been